

Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Social Services



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Subject: **Medicaid Policy Clarification of Cuban/Haitian Entrants**

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The Virginia Department of Social Services' Division of Benefit Programs recently issued Medicaid Transmittal #77, which revises the VDSS Medicaid Manual. One of the clarifications to policy in this transmittal regards "Qualified Alien status for certain Cuban/Haitian Entrants for Medicaid and FAMIS." The transmittal clarifies that Cuban and Haitian Entrants are qualified aliens and revises the "Medicaid Alien Code Chart" to show the correct coding.

If a resettlement agency case manager is working with a Cuban/Haitian Entrant who is denied Medicaid for a non-financial reason, the case manager may refer the eligibility worker to "TN #77, Virginia DSS., Volume XIII, MO220, Appendix 3, Non Financial Requirements, Page 1."

As you know, Medicaid policy is sizable and complex and local department of social services eligibility staff take policy direction from designated Medicaid VDSS staff. If the local department of social services staff would prefer to have this information given to them by the VDSS Medicaid staff, contact Penny Boyd. She will make the referral to the appropriate VDSS Medicaid staff. Penny's contact information is penny.boyd@dss.virginia.gov or 804-726-7933.